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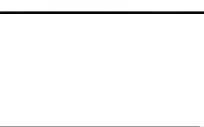
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1. Press reports have already dealt with the conference of representatives of the French CGT and the FDGB which was held in Berlin in mid-June. The French delegation was headed by Benoit Frachon, while the German was headed by Herbert Jarnitz. Both of the organizations belong to the World Federation of Trade Unions and are controlled by the Communists. The principal aims which prompted this recent intensified collaboration are agitation against unloading of war materials in the ports of France and Western Germany and the campaign against the Schuman Plan. However, another point of discussion was the establishment of unity in trade unionism in Germany, particularly Western Germany and France. In keeping with French syndicalistic methods, it was agreed that action should be initiated primarily in the individual large plants.
2. Although the resolutions adopted in Berlin concern measures which chiefly will be taken in Western Germany, representatives of the KPD were not invited to this conference. The belief in some circles that Hermann Nuding of the KPD Central Executive Board attended the conference has not been confirmed. It appears that the KPD Parteivorstand will maintain a reserved attitude with regard to the execution of the resolutions adopted in Berlin. FDGB commissions are to be attached to the various KPD Landesvorstaende for the execution of special missions independent of the regular party machinery. Under such an agreement the representatives of the CGT and FDGB would be conducting illegal activities in Western Germany. This may be the reason why the KPD leadership desires to keep itself divorced from this operation. *

25X1A [redacted] Comment. The information in this report manifests the same tendency in evidence in other fields of Communist activities in Western Germany. Everywhere, and in many fields, ostensibly non-political organizations which claim to work for peace and the furtherance of cultural or professional interests are being put into the foreground, though the Communists actually direct their activities.

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